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ACTION: NONE INFO: DONOVA, NESA/41/1, ODPD-D, ODPN-N, OOPS-S,
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ALA/SA/BZ2-2, ALA/SA/R, ALA/SA/SE, CR/W, CRES/ARO, D/FBIS-2, DD/NESA,
EPO/LA, EPO/SE, ICS/HC/EE, ICS/HC/LA, ICS/HC/ME, NOHT, NCPM, NESA/SCIO,
NICAG/BRAZ, NIO/CBW/AL, NIO/D/AG, NIO/EUR, NIO/NE, OCG/PEL, OGI/GD/AWH,
OOE/EE/N, OOE/EE/R, OOE/EEEG, OOE/EI/PS, OOE/FR, PPS/AO-2, PPS/PO-2,
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TAGS: PINR, PGOV, TEIO, BR, GE
SUBJ: MENGELE INVESTIGATION - NO. 6

REF: SAC PAULO 1432, 1462, 1476, 1491, AND 1505

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2. SUMMARY:

MENACHEM RUSSEK, DIRECTOR OF THE ISRAELI OFFICE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF NAZI CRIMES, MET WITH SAO PAULO FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF ROMEU TUMA ON THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 13. TUMA SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD U.S. TEAM THAT AN ISRAELI PATHOLOGIST WOULD ARRIVE JUNE 15, ALTHOUGH ISRAELI CONSUL HERE WOULD NOT CONFIRM THAT ANOTHER INVESTIGATOR WAS EXPECTED. DURING INITIAL MEETING AT THE MEDICAL-LEGAL INSTITUTE (IML), FORENSIC EXPERTS AGREED THEY WOULD ISSUE A JOINT REPORT AT THE END OF THEIR INVESTIGATION, WHICH THEY ESTIMATED WOULD RUN AT LEAST THROUGH JUNE 21. HOWEVER, BRAZILIAN EXPERTS SAID PRELIMINARY WORK INDICATES BONES EXHUMED IN EMBU MIGHT NOT ALL BE FROM THE SAME BODY. BRAZILIAN, GERMAN, AND U.S. TRI-PARTITE SESSIONS WILL CONTINUE OVER THE WEEKEND. END SUMMARY.

3. CONFIRMING INFORMATION PROVIDED TO US EARLIER BY SAO PAULO FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF ROMEU TUMA, MENACHEM RUSSEK, HEAD OF THE ISRAELI OFFICE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF NAZI CRIMES, ARRIVED IN SAO PAULO JUNE 13. RUSSEK WAS BRIEFLY INTRODUCED TO U.S. AND GERMAN TEAMS AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, BUT DID NOT REMAIN FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. ACCORDING TO TUMA, RUSSEK, WHO BROUGHT WITH HIM ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS IN MENGELE'S HANDWRITING, WILL BE

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JOINED BY A RADIOLOGIST FROM THE WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE IN LOS ANGELES, WHO WILL BRING X-RAYS, AND BY AN ISRAELI PATHOLOGIST. ISRAELI CONSUL, HOWEVER, DENIED THAT RUSSEK HAD CARRIED ANY EVIDENCE, SAYING HE WAS HERE STRICTLY AS AN OBSERVER. THE CONSUL ALSO REFUSED TO CONFIRM THE PATHOLOGIST'S ARRIVAL.

4. INITIAL VISIT TO IML BY U.S. ANTHROPOLOGIST AND ODONTOLOGIST WENT SMOOTHLY AS EXPECTED. DR. WILHAM TEIXEIRA, WHO KNOWS BOTH ODONTOLOGIST LEVINE AND ANTHROPOLOGIST KERLEY (NOTE CORRECT SPELLING) FROM PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY RUBENS MALUF, IML DIRECTOR, TO COORDINATE WORK WITH FOREIGN EXPERTS. ALL AGREED RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION, WHICH THEY ESTIMATED WOULD RUN AT LEAST THROUGH JUNE 21, WOULD BE PRESENTED IN A JOINT REPORT OF U.S., BRAZILIAN, AND GERMAN EXPERTS. BRAZILIANS ADDED THAT THE FIRST STEP -- PROVING ALL THE REMAINS EXHUMED IN EMBU COME FROM A SINGLE BODY -- MAY HAVE ALREADY HIT A SNAG: ACCORDING TO WHAT THE BRAZILIANS STRESSED WERE EXTREMELY PRELIMINARY TESTS, THERE MAY BE AN AGE DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE SKULL AND THE REST OF THE SKELETON.

5. TRI-PARTITE SESSIONS OF EXPERTS WILL CONTINUE OVER THE JUNE 15-16 WEEKEND. WEST GERMAN CONSUL HAS PROPOSED A MEETING FOR LATE JUNE 14 TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ARRIVAL OF TWO MORE GERMANS -- LIKE THE U.S. EXPERTS, A FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGIST AND A FORENSIC ODONTOLOGIST -- EARLY SATURDAY MORNING. MEETING OF ALL EXPERTS, INCLUDING THE GERMANS, IS SET FOR SATURDAY AFTERNOON, WHEN WORK SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK WILL BE ESTABLISHED. ANTHROPOLOGICAL/MEDICAL EXPERTS PLAN TO USE THE WEEKEND TO REVIEW MENGELE'S HEALTH RECORDS AND WILL BEGIN ACTUAL EXAMINATION OF BONES ON JUNE 17. IF THEY CAN DETERMINE THAT THE REMAINS ARE FROM A SINGLE BODY, THEY WILL THEN PROCEED TO 1) PROVING THE BONES ARE GERHARDT'S AND 2) PROVING GERHARDT WAS MENGELE.

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6. COMMENT:

GIVEN OFTEN CONTRADICTORY REPORTS OF ALLEGED ARRIVAL OF FOREIGN EXPERTS: IT SEEMS USEFUL TO REVIEW WHO'S ON FIRST. OFFICIAL U.S. TEAM CURRENTLY CONSISTS OF SIX TECHNICAL EXPERTS -- AN ANTHROPOLOGIST, AN ODONTOLOGIST, A PATHOLOGIST, AN INK AND DOCUMENTS SPECIALIST, AND TWO HANDWRITING ANALYSIS -- IN ADDITION TO TWO U.S. MARSHALS AND OSI DEPUTY DIRECTOR WOLF -- A TOTAL OF NINE. BY NOON SATURDAY, GERMANS WILL HAVE IN PLACE FIVE PEOPLE: AN ANTHROPOLOGIST, AN ODONTOLOGIST, A POLICE INVESTIGATOR, AND TWO FINGERPRINT EXPERTS. SO FAR, RUSSEK IS THE ONLY ISRAELI WHOSE PRESENCE WE CAN CONFIRM. IN ADDITION, AT LEAST ONE AND PERHAPS TWO PEOPLE FROM THE WIESENTHAL INSTITUTE ARE EXPECTED. THE UPSHOT IS THAT, AFTER INITIAL MEETINGS IN WHICH TUMA STRESSED THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS A BRAZILIAN MATTER AND THAT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE WAS NEITHER WELCOMED NOR NEEDED, HE IS NOW ACCOMMODATING AT LEAST 15 OFFICIAL FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES, OVER HALF OF THEM FROM THE U.S. WE ARE EMPHASIZING WITH TEAM HERE THE CONTINUING NEED TO RESPECT BRAZILIAN AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE AND TO ALLOW TUMA AND COMPANY TO HANDLE ALL MEDIA CONTACTS.

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